

Dress Right, Dress

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Wear dates for the watch cap is Oct. 1 through the last day in February annually. Wear the sides of the cap down to cover the ears to the extent possible. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)

News Briefs

Operation Warm Heart

To provide financial assistance for holiday meals to families in need, Spangdahlem AB first sergeants and chaplains are accepting cash donations from base private organizations, local communities and individuals. The chapel has designated selected offerings specifically for Operation Warm Heart and the first sergeants have positioned collection containers throughout the base to include unit orderly rooms, Club Eifel, the post office and billeting. To make donations, call Master Sgt. Thomas Wilson at 452-6303 or see any first sergeant or chaplain.

Climate assessment survey

A climate assessment survey runs through Nov. 23 and can now be completed anytime online by visiting <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>. Senior leaders said the survey is one of the best ways for Air Force government employees to share their concerns about their organizational climate and participation in the survey is critical.

The survey team has taken measures to ensure privacy by using advanced information masking software. The survey covers such topics as leadership, supervision, training, teamwork, recognition, unit flexibility and job enhancement. Survey results will be released early in 2004.

Base blood drive

A base blood drive takes place Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the old officer's club ballroom, building 42. The goal is 75 pints. To sign up to donate or volunteer, click on "Base Blood Drive" on the Intranet base bulletin. Read the eligibility list before making an appointment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Margaret Santamaria at 425-7032 or Master Sgt. Joseph Santamaria at 452-6209.

Veteran's Day ceremony

The wing celebrates Veteran's Day Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Spangdahlem AB front gate memorial park. Attire is the uniform of the day and the guest speaker is Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. Call Master Sgt. Carey Shoff at 452-3141 for details.

Post office hours change

The Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem AB Post Offices finance and customer service window hours for Nov. 10 are 10 a.m. to noon and parcel pick up hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Bitburg Annex Post Office is closed for all services Nov. 11 and the Spangdahlem AB Post Office is only open for parcel pick-up from 8 a.m. to noon that day. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Michael Ruzza at 452-6038.

Dig this!

Bagram Air Base airmen and soldiers get \$2.3 million runway completed weeks ahead of schedule.

Read "Wing troops dig in deep to build up new runway," on Page 4

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Ready, aim, exercise!

An exercise evaluation team member, left, monitors Airman 1st Class Jon Degafferelly, center, and Airman 1st Class Paul Lemerond as they stand guard for the 606th Air Control Squadron during Exercise Autumn Warrior '03 Oct. 20-25. Throughout the exercise, 123 unit members deployed to the Bitburg Flugplatz flightline, sleeping in tents and eating meals-ready-to-eat. The operations crew controlled a live suppression of enemy air defense training mission, when an "opposition force" reconnaissance team infiltrated the deployable radar site's defense. The simulated attack forced to the 606th ACS detachment commander to order the unit to bug-out. Before leaving, 606th troops simulated destroying the squadron's equipment to deny the enemy its use. The exercise provided wing leaders an uninterrupted air picture and enabled squadron members to hone NATO and Air Force survive-to-operate procedures.

Airman Heather Forrest

23rd Fighter Squadron enhances flying tactics at RAF Lakenheath

Fighting Hawks simulate war scenario in England's Exercise Saxon Shield during week-long multinational mission

By Capt. Jimmy Jones
23rd Fighter Squadron

ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, England -- The 23rd Fighter Squadron's "Fighting Hawks" departed Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, Oct. 20 in support of Exercise Saxon Shield. There the Hawks provided suppression of enemy air defense in a simulated war scenario throughout the week-long multinational exercise. The goal of the exercise was to combine lessons learned from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and other recent contingencies to improve NATO allied combat-flying tactics.

The missions flown were in direct support of degrading, then destroying enemy Integrated Air Defense Systems with commonly exported surface-to-air threat systems. The Hawks imposed their will on the simulated enemy in much the same way they did in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"These [IADS] systems that are being simulated here have the same capabilities of those we flew against in downtown Baghdad," said Capt. Jesse Friedel, 23rd Fighter Squadron weapons officer. "The variable is employment doctrine or the way the enemy fights. Our tactics need to be robust enough to deal with the plethora of different ways that the enemy, simulated or real, can employ their weapons."

Daily, the multinational force included a mix of six to nine different airframes and weapons platforms, depending on what was needed or available for any given mission. Aircraft seen gracing the exercise skies included F-3, GR4 Tornado, Merlin, FRA, and the PR9 Canberra from the British Royal Air Force, the Sea King from the Royal Navy, the ECR Tornado from Germany, E-3 support from NATO, the KC-135 from RAF Mildenhall, and the 23rd FS Hawks' F-16CJ.

Each of the 23rd FS airframes were complimented by two or three of the squadron's own dedicated intelligence officers

Capt. Jonathan Dowty, 23rd Fighter Squadron pilot, fills out papers for a post-flight check in Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England Oct. 24.

Capt. Jimmy Jones

and life support troops. About 69 maintainers and specialists, and 23 pilots and other aircrew members also deployed to provide support.

"It gives us a perspective that we can only talk to [here] at Spangdahlem AB," said Capt. Jason Cockrum. "At Spangdahlem, we train with F-16s as the aircraft that we are supporting into the target area. We obviously know what an F-16 in the striker role is capable of doing. It's quite different when we support aircraft who don't have the same maneuverability, defensive suites and tactics that we have. We have to take into account how the differences will affect our game plan and adjust it accordingly."

"These short deployments are a great challenge to the squadron," said Lt. Col. John Specht, 23rd FS commander. "Besides the improved capability that the deployment brings to our tactical side of the house, these exercises help us gain

Operation Live Connection set for Brick House

Public affairs office seeks winning Xbox gamers for potential TV spot

By 2nd Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Base Xbox enthusiasts have the opportunity to connect with stateside family or friends by taking part in a kick-off event being held here Nov. 13 and Dec. 4.

Operation Live Connections, a joint venture between the United Service Organizations, Microsoft Corp. and U.S. Air Forces in Europe, celebrates the grand opening of several USO gaming centers in the United States.

“The program is designed to entertain our military heroes stationed overseas,” said Robyn Sleeth, 52nd Services Squadron deputy director. “It also connects families in a fun and fulfilling way during the holidays and beyond.”

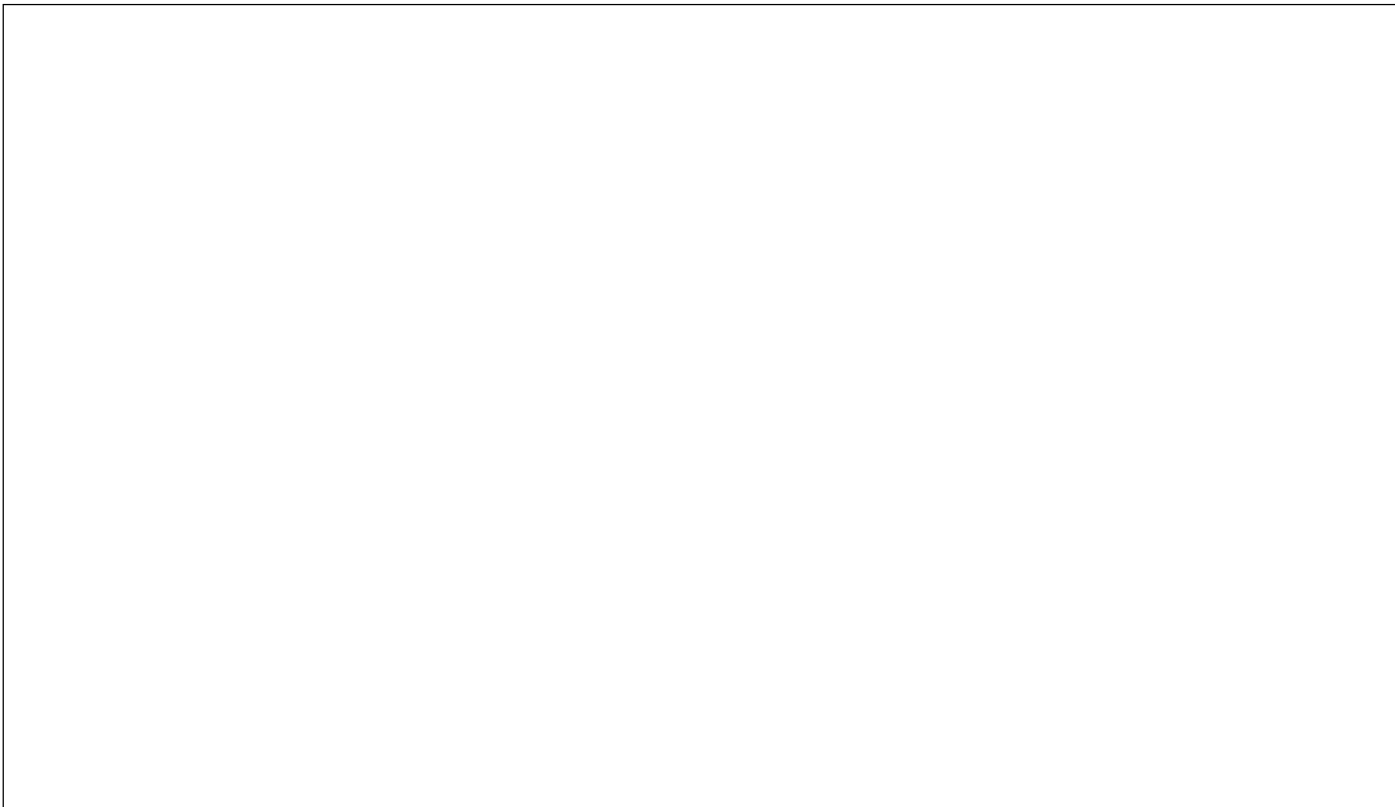
The goal is to get as many Spangdahlem Air Base airmen (in uniform) on the Xbox gaming stations at the Brick House, with some being interviewed by news media that will be here for the two events, said Mr. Sleeth. Initial taping takes place in November with possible live video shooting in December for a stateside morning news show.

“USO, Microsoft and USAFE want to launch this initiative from the Brick House,” Mr. Sleeth said. “Microsoft donated almost all of the (Xbox) equipment in the Brick House ... and our activity is a model for the Air Force.”

Base officials seek military men and women of all ages who have family or friends in the New York City area, where the main grand opening event of the USO gaming centers takes place. During the actual event in December, the airmen and family will engage in a live game of Xbox against each other.

“This program will encourage and boost morale among military servicemen and women through light-hearted game play and live interaction,” Mr. Sleeth said.

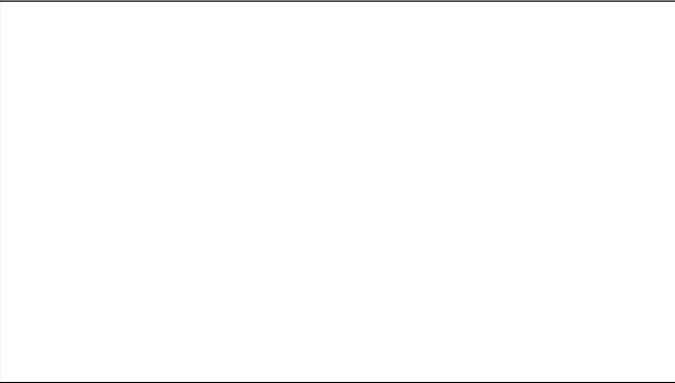
Additionally, services officials are interested in airmen



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Above: Airmen Anthony Brown and Laniyi Cundiff play “Halo” on Xbox in the Brick House Oct. 25. Brick House activities, including Xbox, billiards, foosball and ping-pong, are free and only require a military ID card to borrow the equipment. Right: Brown, right, laughs as he scores a hit on “Halo” while Cundiff, left, loses his virtual life. The Brick House is open Sunday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to midnight for ages 18 and older and Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. It’s open 4-8 p.m. daily for ages 16-18.

with family in the following areas where other gaming centers will also be opened: Baltimore, Md.; Hampton Roads, Va.; Fort Hood, Texas and Los Angeles, Calif.



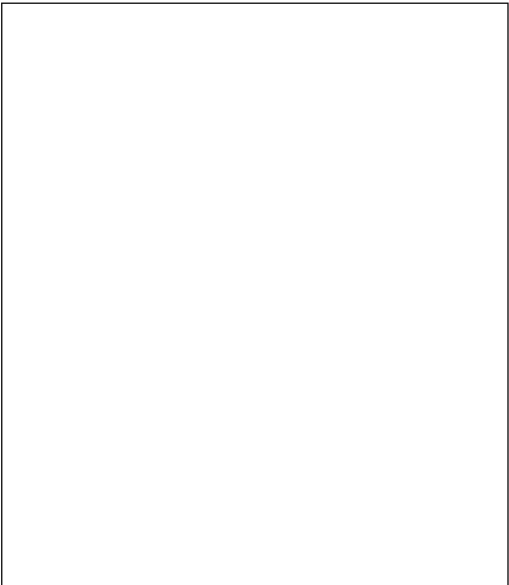
Officials honor wing’s top third-quarter performers

Compiled from staff reports

52nd Fighter Wing officials recognize the following members at wing and group levels for their outstanding achievements in their respective categories throughout the third quarter 2003, July-September.

Wing-level winners

Airman: **Senior Airman Jennifer Havel**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Scott Armstrong**, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Anthony Bunch**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; CGO: **Capt. Russell Callaway**, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; Junior-level civilian: **Julius Hicks**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; mid-level civilian: **Sophia Marshall**, 470th Air Base Squadron, NATO AB, Geilenkirchen, Germany; senior-level civilian: **Elke Plein**, 52nd Services Squadron; resource advisor of the quarter: **Tech. Sgt. Darrell Simms**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; honor guard member of the quarter: **Senior Airman Dwayne Pyle**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; foreign object damage fighter of the quarter: **Airman 1st Class Michael Johnson**, 52nd



AMXS; Red Cross volunteer of the quarter: **Tech. Sgt. Neil Fultz**; 52nd FW volunteer of the quarter: **Rachel Davis**

Group-level winners

52nd Fighter Wing staff agencies

Airman: **Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle**, 52nd FW Public Affairs; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey**, 52nd FW/PA, SNCO: **Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Edwards**, 52nd

FW Wing Plans, Programs and Inspections; CGO: **2nd Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez**, 52nd FW/PA; junior-level civilian: **Imelda Beckler**, 52nd Comptroller Squadron

52nd Maintenance Group

Airman: **Senior Airman Jennifer Havel**, 52nd CMS; NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Scott Armstrong**, 752nd MUNSS; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Gerald Tolarchyk**, 52nd MUNSS; maintenance professional airman: **Airman 1st Class Jeffery McNamee**, 52nd CMS; maintenance professional NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Ronald Davis**, 52nd CMS; dedicated crew chief: **Staff Sgt. Gerald Gootee**, 52nd AMXS; workgroup manager: **Staff Sgt. Robert Cargile**, 852nd MUNSS; CGO: **1st Lt. Franklin Adams**, 52nd EMS; junior-level civilian: **Julius Hucks**, 52nd EMS; mid-level civilian: **Christel Huber**, 852nd MUNSS

52nd Medical Group

Airman: **Airman 1st Class Kelly Quintana**, 52nd Dental Squadron; NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Glenn Rameres**, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Shawn Rickey**, 52nd AMDS; CGO: **Capt. Michael Fouch**, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; health care provider: **Capt.**

Randall Stevens, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; junior-level civilian: **Pamela Salvio**, 52nd MDOS; mid-level civilian: **Karen Knowles**, 52nd MDOS

52nd Mission Support Group

Airman: **Airman 1st Class Christal Baker**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Socrates Plantilla**, 470th ABS, NATO AB, Geilenkirchen; SNCO: **Senior Master Sgt. Annette Henderson**, 52nd MSS; CGO: **Capt. Russell Callaway**, 52nd MSS; resource advisor of the quarter: **Staff Sgt. Daniel Palumbo**, 52nd SFS; junior-level civilian: **Tally Hickey**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; mid-level civilian: **Sophia Marshall**, 470th ABS, Geilenkirchen; senior-level civilian: **Elke Plein**, 52nd SVS

52nd Operations Group

Airman: **Airman 1st Class Ross Jette**, 22nd Fighter Squadron; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Matthew Ludwig**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Anthony Bunch**, 52nd OSS; CGO: **Capt. Alfred Allen**, 52nd OSS; flight commander: **1st Lt. Matty Garr**, 606th Air Control Squadron; civilian: **Rebecca Madere**, 52nd OSS

Hawks

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experience in setting up operations from scratch in much the same fashion that we’re going to do when we deploy in support of combat operations.”

Fighting’ Hawks jets wouldn’t have been able to fly without the outstanding support of 52nd Maintenance Group members led by the 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, said Lt. Col. Specht. Maintainers generated 92 sorties throughout the two-

week deployment, including both “allied” and “enemy” NATO aircraft sorties.

Members of the 23rd AMU were the people who made this deployment a success, said the 23rd FS commander.

“They provided the same outstanding support deployed to Lakenheath as they do at home in Spangdahlem,” he said. “We have a lot of sharp people here. Some of them even discovered an error with the technical orders the weekend before we left. Not only did our maintainers fix the problem, despite

the error in the orders, they’re working to correct the manuals.”

The results of the efforts from the 23rd FS and 23rd AMU were successful hits on enemy targets, possible only with the Fighting’ Hawks’ SEAD support.

“This deployment yielded successful mission effectiveness and cooperation through the use of air power,” said the commander. “It maintained the high standards that other nations expect from the Hawks in joint multinational operations.”

Eifel Salutes

52nd Operations Group

“Cheerio” to **Airman 1st Class Miranda Durant** for her outstanding scheduling and operations desk support of the 23rd Fighter Squadron’s Saxon Shield Exercise at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England.

52nd Maintenance Group

Check out this week’s stars of the 52nd Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine-Brogel Air Base, Germany: Nothing wicked woven about **Staff Sgt. Siam Bean’s** Web mastery -- the computer systems tech troubleshoots hardware and software problems, supervises two technicians and coordinates with program managers to establish a secure Web server. **Senior Airman Jowauna Hudson** makes sure parting, and arriving for that matter, is much more sweet than sorrow for personnel on the brink of their permanent change of station. As a commander’s support staff journeyman, she also handles re-enlistments, retention, extensions and newcomer’s processing. No need to be in suspense as to whether or not **Senior Airman Andreana Watkins** deserves a salute -- she manages suspenses for awards, decorations, and enlisted and officer performance reports. Watch out for **Senior Airman Tiffany Carswell**, the information manager who monitors decorations, EPRs and is also the secretary of the multicultural awareness organization.

52nd Mission Support Group

1st Lt. Eddie Lenos spearheaded numerous “murder boards” and rewrites to assemble package submissions for the annual Civil Engineer Awards, winning seven of 19 awards, including best Civil Engineer Squadron in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe. Picture perfect is **Staff Sgt. Ann Mitchell**

who established a success wall that monitors a customer’s physique using photos throughout a workout period. This resulted in customers sticking to a workout pattern and living a healthier lifestyle.

52nd Medical Group

Get them a salute -- stat! **Majs. John Cotton and Laura Frazer, Master Sgt. David Moore, Staff Sgts. Don Smith, Cassandra Chaney and Jeremy Wade and Airman 1st Class Autumn Devine** joined the emergency room staff at the Bitburg hospital to treat patients while donned in chemical gear during the Harley-Saber exercise 03-01. **Capt. Adrienne Clark** gets a hearty salute for her dedication to process improvement on the family care center. **Maj. Shannon Lehr, Dr. Gavril Moldovan, Majs. Ritchie Grissett and Irene Cassidy, Capt. Craig Richters, Staff Sgts. Reginal Wilson and Sarah Serrata and Airman Tasha Comer-Gerard** were the go-to gang for their outstanding care of an emergency patient situation. They resuscitated a patient and transferred the patient to a critical care facility where they had full recovery -- way to go! Nice saves for **Capt. Dawn Mathew, 2nd Lt. Lyndell Wedyke, Staff Sgt. Karen Harr and Senior Airman Courtney Gray**, who offered invaluable assistance in stabilizing two infants in respiratory distress due to congenital pneumonia.

Eifel community

Shelly Boggs of the jewelry department in the Bitburg Annex BX, never once took a “time out” from her painstaking attention to detail in helping a wing member replace two of her watch batteries.

Kudos to all, Team Eifel salutes you!

(Compiled by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle
Connie Pitsch, 52nd Fighter Wing Community Relations assistant, is this week’s Top Saber Performer.

Top Saber Performer

Name: Kornelia “Connie” Pitsch

Unit: 52nd Fighter Wing Community Relations Office

Duty title: Community relations assistant

Hometown: Spangdahlem

Years in Service: 23

Nominee’s contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Throughout the past year, Mrs. Pitsch provided support for more than 100 events, including the Spangdahlem Air Base’s 50th anniversary celebration, the Honorary Commander’s barbecue and the distinguished visitor trip to Berlin.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Volunteers for the German Child Abuse Prevention Program and supports International Help Organizations. In the past year, she attended a public relations course and an event management class for professional development.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy spending time with my husband Richard, daughter Jessica and son Martin. I enjoy bringing my German and American friends together and I’m currently organizing a trip to the Wittlich Oktoberfest.

What do you like most about being stationed here? The fact that I work in the Eifel region, the same place I was raised.

What’s one thing you’d like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem AB? I can’t wait to see all the construction that’s going on right now completed, especially the road construction, Rhein-Main projects and the consolidated club.

Lts. trade single bars for doubles

A total of 2,504 Air Force first lieutenants have been selected for promotion by the calendar 03B captain-selection process, for an overall 99.4 percent select rate.

Base officials laud the following 52nd Fighter Wing first lieutenants for their promotion to captain:

David Anderson, 22nd Fighter Squadron; **Eric Axt**, 81st FS; **Joann Axt**, 52nd Contracting Squadron; **Christopher Beckley**, 606th Air Control Squadron; **Raffianne Black**, NATO AWACS, Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany; **Jeffrey Brown**, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron; **Thomas Carr**, NATO AWACS; **Timothy Cole**, 23rd FS; **Lacy D. Croft III**, 52nd Fighter Wing Staff Agency; **Sheldy Curry**, 52nd Maintenance Squadron; **Raymond Daniel**, 22nd FS; **Jonathan Dea**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; **Beth Dowty**, 52nd Logistics Readiness

Squadron; **Edward Francis**, 22nd FS; **Nathan Foster**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Robert Grant**, NATO AWACS; **Donny Gibson**, Allied Forces NORTH Europe, Brunnsom, Netherlands; **Bobby Hunt**, 606th ACS; **Brandon Johnson**, AFNORTH; **Frank Lusher**, 22nd FS; **Paul Lysko**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Judith Milanowski**, 81st FS; **Corey Miller**, NATO AWACS; **James Paisley**, 852nd MUNSS; **Charles Ploetz**, 372nd Training Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base; **Adam Pugh**, NATO AWAC; **Jeremiah Reed**, 23rd FS; **Miklos Rozsa**, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron; **Steven Stone**, 52nd SFS; **Thomas Styles**, NATO AWACS; **Sara Tirevold**, 52nd OSS, Francisco Vega, 752nd MUNSS, and **Christina Vile**, NATO AWACS. (Information courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle
Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing Community Relations Office make up this week’s Top Saber Team.

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Fighter Wing Community Relations Office

Unit responsibilities: The base community relations program promotes positive relations and fosters acceptance of the base and its surrounding communities. Spangdahlem Air Base has an impact on more than 130 surrounding villages and towns. The community relations staff accompanies the commander and other base leaders to on- and off-base events. Office members also function as translators and advise base leaders on local customs and courtesies.

Number of members: Two

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing’s mission? CR’s focus is to encourage local and federal foreign leaders and politicians to visit Spangdahlem AB. The visits provide the ideal atmosphere to exchange information on issues such as the Rhein-Main Transition Program. Spangdahlem AB currently maintains a great working relationship between local police, local military and the base.

Team’s other contributions through the year? The office provides base tours throughout the year. It also coordinates the quarterly forum meeting attended by local politicians, wing officials and RMTP subject-matter experts. Additionally, it runs the Honorary Commander’s Program.

IEA Scorecard

Project	Coordinator	Percent complete	Estimated completion
Brick House	Eddy Mentzer	100	Complete
Jet Blast Inn AFN decoder	Tech. Sgt. Sean Applegate	100	Complete
Honor Guard uniforms	Tech. Sgt. Randall Reno	100	Complete
Billeting laptops	Master Sgt. Fred Ayers	100	Complete
Loaner transformers	Gertrude Cochran	100	Complete
Batting cages	Mandy Baerman	40	Nov. 30
Bus shelter improvements	Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith	35	Dec. 15
HAS mezzanine	Tech. Sgt. John Murphy	40	Nov. 28
HAS crew shacks	Tech. Sgt. John Murphy	55	Nov. 21
Coffee Mill improvements	Capt. Glenn Gresham	20	Dec. 17
Pavilion improvements	Udo Stuemmer	10	June 2004

Wing troops dig in deep to build up new runway

Deployed civil engineers share construction site with pilots flying real-world missions

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke
455th Expeditionary Operations Group
Public Affairs Office

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan -- With help from the Army and other coalition nations, airmen poured the final load of concrete for the new \$2.3 million runway here Oct. 24 after nearly six months of construction.

During this period civil engineer airmen and soldiers worked on one 90-foot-wide strip, while aircraft landed and took off on the other 90-foot half. The project was completed three weeks ahead of schedule.

After two weeks of curing and painting lines, the entire

180-foot wide runway will be ready for incoming aircraft, said Master Sgt. David Lennemann, 455th Expeditionary Support Squadron operations superintendent.

"Once the entire runway is activated, it will be able to support just about any heavy aircraft the Air Force has," said the deployed 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron heavy repair

section superintendent. Unfortunately, smaller fighter aircraft won't be authorized to land here until there is less of a foreign-object-damage threat, said Capt. Trey Sledge, 455th ESS Civil Engineer Flight commander. The strong winds combined with limitless marble-sized, desert gravel here pose a continual FOD hazard for smaller aircraft with low intakes.

"There is a project scheduled for June next summer to lay six inches of asphalt over the

"Once the entire runway is activated, it will be able to support just about any heavy aircraft the Air Force has."

-- Master Sgt. David Lennemann, deployed 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron heavy repair unit

runway," said the deployed 52nd CES community planner. "This should decrease the FOD danger enough to bring in the smaller fighters."

The completion of the runway will have a significant impact on the rest of the base.

Now that the runway is complete, standard runway lighting will soon be installed, which will enable aircraft to land without night vision, said Capt. Sledge.

Airmen involved in this construction stood up to meet a formidable challenge when they began work on this runway. According to Master Sgt. Lennemann, the civil engineer

airmen did an exceptional job on a project that would normally be considered above their skill level.

"Because of the importance of this project, this is the first time I've felt like I had a direct impact on the mission. Completing this runway is very rewarding for us," said Tech. Sgt. Wesley Matthews, 455th ESS structural technician deployed from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

Right: Members of the 455th Civil Engineer Flight work together to pour the last load of concrete for the runway at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, as a Blackhawk helicopter takes off from the other half of the runway. Bottom left: Tech. Sgt. Wesley Matthews, 455th Expeditionary Support Squadron, adjusts a plywood board under the wet concrete. The board serves as an expansion joint for the runway pad. Bottom right: Airman 1st Class Eric Leehan, 455th ESS, smooths out the last section of concrete, one of the finishing touches on the project.

Sure shots: Clinic gears up to provide flu vaccinations

By Maj. (Dr.) Ray Plumley
52nd Medical Group Family Practice Clinic

As the weather turns colder, cases of influenza, or flu, spike. To counter this trend, the 52nd Medical Group administers free flu shots to military community members.

An influenza epidemic could have a serious impact on the military fighting force. Therefore, the flu shot is mandatory for all active-duty members.

Unlike last year, this year there is no anticipated vaccine shortage. However, shots will be administered with priority to active duty members and those with high-risk medical conditions. The flu shot is optional for non-active-duty members, but the following high risk groups are encouraged to get their flu shots early. These include those with high-risk medical conditions including asthma, diabetes and hemoglobinopathies, retirees 65 and older, and pregnant women beyond their first trimester.

Flu facts

Influenza is a contagious disease caused by the influenza virus attacking the respiratory tract (nose, throat, and lungs). The common cold is often confused with the flu but the two

are different diseases. True influenza is recognized by the sudden onset of symptoms that may include extreme fatigue, high fever which often lasts for up to five days, body aches and headache. The "stomach flu" is not flu at all, rather, an intestinal infection or "viral gastroenteritis."

Everyone is susceptible to the flu, including healthy people, and serious complications can occur in any age group. Most people who contract the flu will recover in one to two weeks; however, some can go on to develop life-threatening complications such as pneumonia.

The influenza virus is spread from person to person by way of respiratory droplets released into the air when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. Less often, the flu may be spread when a person touches a surface con-

taminated by influenza -- a door handle, for instance -- and then touches his or her nose or mouth.

Point taken

Influenza is a virus, so antibiotics such as penicillin won't cure it. The best way to prevent the flu is to receive the influenza vaccine each fall, before flu season. Should a vaccinated person still contract influenza, the symptoms will often be less severe than if they hadn't received the flu shot. Incidentally, the vaccine will only help avoid onset of the flu, it will not prevent other illnesses.

Certain people should see their primary care provider prior to receiving the influenza vaccine. This includes those with a severe allergy to hens' eggs, those who have had a severe allergic reaction to a flu shot in the past, and those who previously developed Guillain-Barré syndrome within six weeks after getting the flu shot

A vaccine, like any medicine, is capable of causing side effects or serious problems. The risk; however, is extremely small. Expect some mild soreness, redness or swelling at the inoculation site. Some may experience a mild fever

or aches that last no more than one or two days. The flu cannot be contracted from the flu shot because the vaccine is made from a killed virus.

Vaccination call

The immunization clinic conducts a flu shot line for active-duty members at their respective squadrons. Wing members are advised to bring their shot records and medics will be on hand to administer the shot. Additionally, immunization teams can attend group activities such as commander's calls.

The flu shot is also available to all active duty personnel, family members and retirees at the Spangdahlem Air Base immunization clinic, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Family members and retirees must bring their yellow shot records with them. The flu shot is also available to pay patients (such as contractors or unsponsored personnel) on a fee-for-service basis.

Children enrolled in the Bitburg Annex pediatric clinic may also obtain their flu shot in pediatrics, Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m. Parents must accompany their children.

For more information, call the immunizations clinic at 06565-958382.

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Community Mailbox

FSC open house

Both Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex Family Support Centers hold open house events Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Various helping agencies will provide information at the event. All Team Eifel members are encouraged to attend.

Family support center news

The following workshops take place in Spangdahlem AB building 307. Call 452-9491 for details.

■Federal employment, Tuesday from 9 a.m.

■Predeployment briefing, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

■Resume writing, Tuesday at 5 p.m.

■Intermediate English as a second language, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

■Local employment, Wednesday at 10 a.m.

■German bills made easy, Thursday at 8 a.m.

■Sponsor training, Thursday at 10 a.m.

■Home buying, Thursday at 6 p.m.

The following workshops take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001.

■Cooking club, Tuesday at 6 p.m.

■Creative critters, Wednesday at 10 a.m.

■Interviewing skills, Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

■Preseparation consultation, Nov. 10 at 8 a.m.

52nd LRS spouses

The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Spouses Group meets Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the base chapel. Childcare is provided on site.

Talent show

The 86th Airlift Wing African Heritage Committee seeks acts for a talent show taking place Nov. 22. Auditions take place Saturday in the Vogelweh Community Center, near Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Call Ollie Wilson at 480-4212 for details.

Chapel news

As of Nov. 9, the traditional worship service takes place at 10:30 a.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel.

Bank closures

Service Credit Union branch offices are closed Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day. Also, both Community Bank branches are closed Nov. 12 until noon for training.

AWAG conference

American Women's Activities, Germany Eifel and Rheinland-Pfalz area conference takes place Nov. 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ramstein AB Officer's Club. The registration deadline is Nov. 7. Cost is \$15.

School news

There is no school Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, in Eifel region Department of Defense Schools Europe.

Spangdahlem Elementary School

■The Scholastic Book Fair takes place Monday and Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Some of the proceeds benefit school activities.

Bitburg Middle School

■Students are dismissed Thursday at 11 a.m. for staff development time. Also, there is no school Nov. 10 for parent and teacher conferences.

■The BMS Parent, Teacher and Student Association Book Fair takes place Nov. 12-14 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 from 5-7 p.m. in the information center.

Education services news

The 52nd Mission Support Squadron Education Services Center is located in Spangdahlem AB building 192. Call 452-6063 for more information.

■Embry-Riddle University offers a two-weekend class in aviation accident investigation, which begins Nov. 14. A two-weekend class in management trends and current problems begins Nov. 21. Call Sara Owens at 452-7553 for details.

■Deadline for submission for the Top

3 scholarship is Nov. 7. The scholarship is good for Term II classes. Deliver completed applications and essays at the education center.

■University of Phoenix winter session registration takes place now for masters in business administration and masters of arts in education programs. Visit www.uopxoverseasmil.com for dates and details.

Military spouse award

Defense Commissary Agency accepts nominations for military spouse awards. Nomination deadline is Nov. 9 for four new awards. Visit www.commissaries.com for nomination forms and award criteria.

AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place each Sunday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2015.

EDIS news

Infant and toddler developmental screenings take place the first, third and fifth Monday monthly from 9-11 a.m. in the EDIS clinic at Spangdahlem AB, building 161. EDIS also offers screenings each second and fourth Monday from 9-11 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call 452-8238 for details.

Poetry readings

■Spoken Word Wednesday meets Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p.m. at the Royal Belgian Chocolate Café in the BXtra.

■Spoken Word Thursday meets every other Thursday at the Royal Belgian Chocolate Café in the BXtra. The next meeting takes place Nov. 13 at 8:30 p.m.

■Teen Poetry Group meets each Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex teen center. All teens are welcome with or without poetry.

Preschool get-together

Children's story hour takes place each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel library, building 139. Call the base chapel office at 452-6711 for details.

Club Eifel Happenings

Today

■Seafood lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members.

■Stripes Lounge: Burger Burn from 5-7 p.m. Play "Name-That-Tune" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

■ECL: 52nd Fighter Wing commander's social begins at 5 p.m.

Saturday

■Stripes Lounge opens at 4 p.m.

Sunday

■Breakfast buffet from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.95 for members, \$4 for children ages 6-12. Cost is \$10.95 for non-members, \$7 for children. Youth 5 and younger eat for free.

■Ballroom: Family "Bingo" at 5 p.m.

■Stripes Lounge opens at 4 p.m.

Monday

■Country lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members.

■Stripes Lounge: Bring Your Own Stein Night, featuring \$1 drink specials.

Tuesday

■Mexican lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members.

■Stripes Lounge: Play "Showdown" to win half-price drinks. Club members play billiards for free from 4-10 p.m.

Wednesday

■Italian lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members.

■Stripes Lounge: Play the "Trash Cash" giveaway. Spoken Word poetry reading from 8-9:30 p.m.

Thursday

■Bar Extravaganza buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members.

■Evening dining special is Mongolian barbecue. Cost is \$.40 per ounce for members, add \$3 for non-members.

■Stripes Lounge: Bitburger Stubbies for \$1 from 6-8 p.m. Karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Call 452-6090 for more information.

Der Markt

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A-10	327	487	160

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Take action

Family advocacy talks domestic abuse: reporting suspected violence mandatory

By Michelle Linnen
52nd Medical Group Family Advocacy Office

Each October our nation and the Air Force give special attention to the prevention of domestic violence. Across the United States and in the Air Force community abroad, individuals and organizations increase public awareness about domestic violence through educational programs. The message is one of hope.

Individually and as a community we can help prevent domestic violence by becoming aware of it and helping those in need to seek help. We can also increase our understanding about creating and nurturing respectful, secure and loving relationships.

Domestic violence doesn't discriminate against military rank, social, economic, religious, cultural or ethnic status. The victim and perpetrator can be either gender. Abuse is about control and power brought about by the perpetrator's own low self-esteem. The victim typically also suffers from feelings of low self worth.

Too often abusive relationships are generational. That is, children who are raised in abusive homes have a greater chance of repeating the abuse as adults. Children of abusive homes are then also vulnerable to modeling their parents' destructive behavior. The cycle of emotional, sex-

ual or physical abuse moves from one generation to another.

The good news is that we have control of our destiny. We don't have to repeat unhealthy patterns in our relationships. Base agencies including fami-

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ly advocacy, the family support center, chapel services and life skills offer educational information and counseling for people who want to strengthen their relationships.

The Air Force recognizes that people experience stressful times. Therefore, it encourages members to seek help to prevent problems from escalating. According to Air Force policy, when military family members seek preventive counseling services it's not documented in medical

records. Once a violent action has taken place; however, official documentation begins. Therefore, it's crucial for people to address small conflicts promptly. Seeking help is never a sign of weakness, but strength. It shows that people know enough to prevent larger problems.

Reporting suspected domestic abuse is everyone's responsibility and is mandatory for all active-duty members. If you are in a violent relationship, seek help. If you know people who are struggling in violent relationships, encourage them to seek help. Reports can be made anonymously and reported cases are addressed with sensitivity for all parties involved.

Team Eifel members are encouraged to take time to consider our efforts to end domestic violence. Simple random acts of kindness can reduce feelings of isolation and encourage a community of caring behavior. Getting to know our neighbors, engaging non-judgmental conversation with overwhelmed co-workers, learning to listen and communicate needs and expectations with our partners, and clarifying our family's values are just a few ways we can create secure and loving relationships.

For more information about domestic violence, call the 52nd MDG Family Advocacy Office at 452-8279.

Professionalism

Practice 'Full-Spectrum Service' at every level

By Master Sgt. Erick Anderson
and Lt. Col. Billy Cecil
52nd Medical Group Support Squadron

"Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do" are our Air Force core values. If you're like us, you see them on bulletin boards, in handouts and hear about them on Armed Forces Network radio and television. But how often does each of us stop to think about them? Better yet, how do we "operationalize" our core values in our daily lives?

We should all remember these values aren't restricted to our day jobs, but are vital to our success, individually and as an organization. However, we jump ahead of ourselves because today we'd like to focus on that which we consider to be the "meat and potatoes" of our core values -- service before self.

When we think of service we're reminded of The Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you'd have them do unto you" or in today's vernacular "Treat others the way you'd want to be treated." Embedded in this rule is the seed of service; it's inescapable.

At the 52nd Fighter Wing it's apparent that service isn't a foreign concept. In every recent major event in which the wing is involved, Team Eifel members have repeatedly demonstrated their willingness to serve. We hear and talk about service, service industries and the performance of

service to our country, but do we recognize that service is an integral component of leadership?

We define "Full-Spectrum Service" as the continually dynamic process of multi-directional service that involves serving not only those above you, but also your subordinates and peers. Just as followership is needed at every level, service is also needed at every level and position. In essence, we believe true leadership is inseparable from service. The old mantra, "To be a good leader you must first be a good follower" still holds true.

Think about it -- service knows no classification. Each of us regardless of our position, rank or grade has a responsibility to serve one another. Service is not just a top down leadership principle or philosophy; rather it's required at all levels of our organization. For example, we believe the successes our squadron experiences are rooted in the bilateral relationship we share as commander and superintendent. In order for each of us to individually meet or exceed our mission goals we recognize and understand that we must be willing to serve one another. We've found that full-spectrum service facilitates a synergistic effect, allowing us to capitalize on the attributes of individuals at all levels in our organization.

If we all practiced full-spectrum service we would have a service-centered culture. As such, we contend that "we" can and should apply full-spectrum service with the same tenacity and inten-

sity on a consistent basis and not just when our country calls. We submit that meeting the requirements of our wing motto "Seek, Attack and Destroy" requires a concerted effort and commitment to full-spectrum service by representatives from every organization on base.

Furthermore, it should be noted that benefits of full-spectrum service could be realized when applied to family and community relationships.

Simply put, full-spectrum service is a dialogue. Unlike a Jay Leno or David Letterman-type monologue -- it's no joke. As you think about this article, remember service is inseparable from leadership, service is multi-directional, and finally service is the "meat and potatoes" of our Air Force core values. Now ask yourself "Where do you fall on the full-spectrum service scale?"

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated otherwise. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/-default.asp.

Bitburg Castle
Today
Matchstick Men (PG-13)
Phobia-addled con artist Roy is on the verge of pulling off a lucrative swindle, but the unexpected arrival of his teenage daughter disrupts the scam.

Freaky Friday (PG, 10 p.m.)
Ellen and her daughter, Annabel, wish they could exchange bodies and it happens! Complications arise as Ellen worries about Annabel and her future stepfather, while Annabel must fake being a doctor.

Saturday
Uptown Girls (PG-13)
Molly is the toast of the New York social scene until her accountant steals her inheritance. She is forced to do something she's never done before -- get a job.

Sunday
Matchstick Men

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday
Uptown Girls

Thursday
Bend It Like Beckham (PG)
A young Indian girl dreams of playing professional soccer, but must hide it from her traditional parents. Hilarity ensues when her sister's wedding falls on the day of an important soccer match.

Spangdahlem Skyline
Today
Secondhand Lions (PG)
Walter finds himself spending the summer with a pair of cranky great-uncles. At first he's appalled by their gruff manner, but is then enthralled with their exotic tales about their youthful exploits.

Grind (PG-13, 10 p.m.)
While the rest of his high school graduating class is heading to the same old grind of college, a skateboarder and his friends have one last summer roadtrip together.

Saturday
Spy Kids 3-D (PG)
Under-age agents journey inside the virtual reality world where "Toymaker," wants to take over the youth of the world and their mission is to stop him.

Secondhand Lions (10 p.m.)

Sunday
Spy Kids 3-D

Monday
Grind

Tuesday
Marci X (R)
When protest breaks out over Dr. S's new CD, the daughter of the rapper's record label steps in to tone down the rapper's bad-boy edge.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

A French flea market? Oui! Oui!

Bargain hunters, antiquers add Metz to shopping sites

Story and photo by Linda Chambliss
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office volunteer

The Eifel Tower is a must-see and it's probably on many of the "to-do" lists of those living near Spangdahlem Air Base. But for people who like to shop, there is another place they must put on their "to-do" list: Metz, France.

Whether it's an antique desk, crystal vase, tin sign, porcelain piece or old albums -- name it, Metz has it and ten-fold.

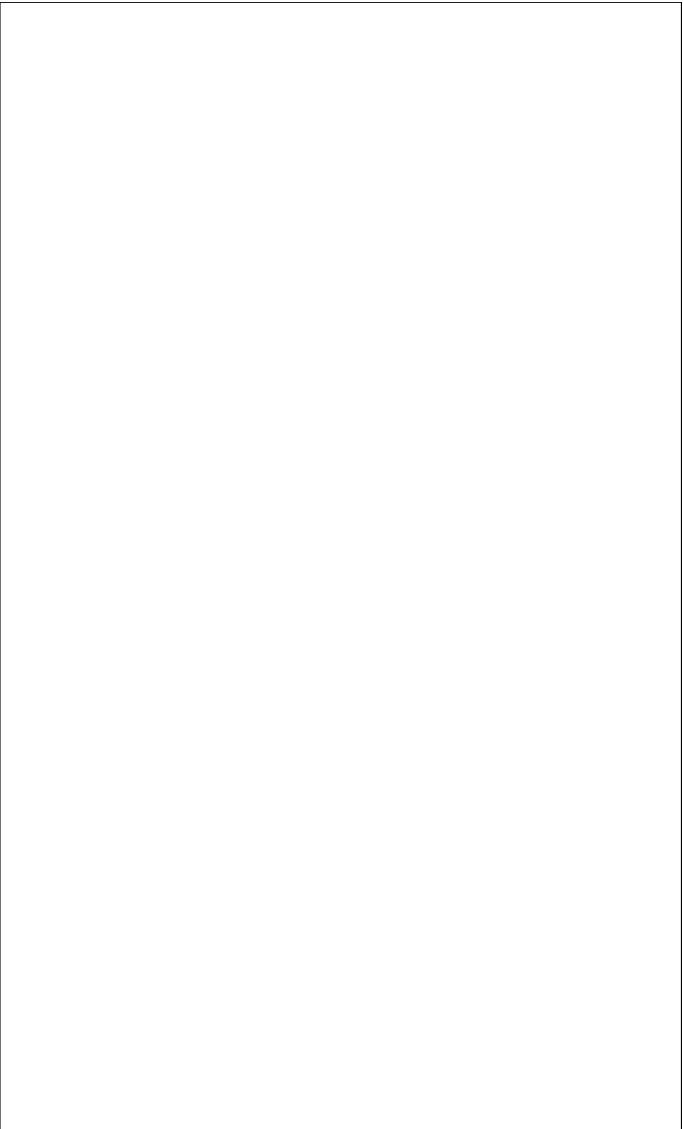
The marche' aux puces, or flea market is for the serious buyer, window shopper and bargainer. It normally takes place on the first and third Saturday of each month, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shoppers can check the "European Stars & Stripes" Thursday edition to confirm opening dates as the last market took place on the fourth Saturday this month. The next opening dates are Nov. 15 and Nov. 29. Additionally, Dec. 14 has been added with extended hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., just in time for Christmas.

The Metz flea market takes place in the exhibition halls of the city's fair and congressional center, about 80 minutes away from Spangdahlem AB. After arriving in Luxembourg City, drivers should follow the signs to E-25, Metz autobahn. Once in France, drivers should continue on the A-4 and follow directions to Metz Est. Upon entering Metz, follow the signs to "Parc d' Exposition." Free parking is available in the lot of the hall.

Vendors sell their wares in the centers' many round halls. Visitors needn't feel rushed to make purchases. The circular layout makes it easy for shoppers to think they've seen everything in one hall before they proceed to the next.

There are some good deals in store for shoppers who like to bargain. Shoppers should carry a French phrase book, but the most-often used phrase at the flea market is "Combien?" (kohn-byan), which translates to "How much?" in English. Some people take small notepads so merchants can write the price on the pad. It's acceptable to suggest a counter price, but don't be surprised if some merchants return with a hefty "no" and disgusted look!

The wide range of items that are available is amazing. Many find it's even fun to just look around, watch others and take in yet another European experience.



Shoppers eye antiques and not-so-old items at the Metz flea market in France. The market is usually open on the first and third Saturday each month and is only about 80 minutes drive from Spangdahlem Air Base.

Out and About

(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. For event tickets, call the Press-Center Trier at 06511-459930, the Trier Tourist Information Office at 06519-780822 or the Trier Ticket Service at 06519-941188, unless specified otherwise.)

■A flea market is open in Cochem Oct. 25-26.

■Cochem: The Federweissen Wine Festival take place Nov. 7-9. The Festival of the New Wine takes place Nov. 14-15. The town "Weihnachtsmarkt" or Christmas market is open Nov. 29-Dec. 21.

■Nov. 11 is Saint Martin's Day in Germany. Parades take place throughout the Eifel region.

■Legoland amusement park is located in Guenzburg, near Munich. For more information, visit www.legoland.de.

■The Bungert Oktoberfest takes place Oct. 23 through Nov. 29 in a

large festival tent on Industriegebiet 3 in Wittlich.

■Flea markets take place Oct. 26 in front of the Bitburg Hela parking house; in Bollendorf, near the Luxembourg border; at the Mehren Rasthof; in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra market and along the Kinheim Mosel shore.

■Flea markets take place Nov. 2 in front of the Bitburg Toom market; on Trier-West Horn Strasse; on Baumholder Weiherplatz; at the Bad Kreuznach Messe grounds; at the Aachen market halls and on Bernkastel Gestade.

■The band Simple Minds performs

Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Trier Arena. For tickets, call 06517-199-996.

■See a German Brass band concert Dec. 7 in Trier Europa Halle. Reserve tickets by calling 06517-199996.

■The Christmas concert, "SWR 1 Christmas Moments," takes place Nov. 21 in Trier Europa Halle. Reserve tickets by calling 06517-199996.

■A blues and jazz concert takes place Nov. 12 in Losheim Eisenbahn Halle. Reserve tickets by calling 06517-199996.

■"Musical Magics" takes place Nov. 29 in Trier Europa Halle. Reserve tickets by calling 06517-199996.

■The rock band Meat Loaf performs Nov. 2 at the Trier Arena. Reserve tickets by calling 06517-199996.

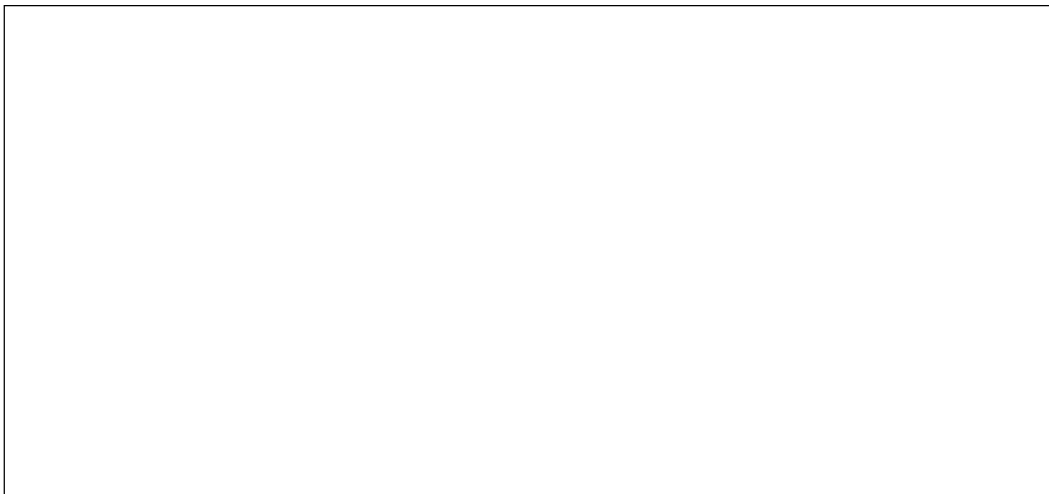
■The Original USA Gospel Singers perform Nov. 13 in Daun Forum Halle.

■A classical concert, featuring compositions by Beethoven and other great composers, takes place Nov. 15 in the Wittlich synagogue. Reserve tickets by calling 06517-199996.

Rugrat rally

Mom Jackie Cooper cheers on 3-year-old Orlando Rodriguez, left, as the other preschool racers, Nicolas Littlefield, center runner, and Mackenzie Otero push to pass him in the Spangdahlem Air Base Commissary Diaper Derby Oct. 25. Otero crossed the finish line first; however, none of the tots crawled, walked, or ran away empty-handed. Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex Commissary officials awarded every Diaper Derby participant a toy prize. First place crawlers are Julius Sherrod and Kristoffer Martinson, walkers are Samantha Sexton and Gillian Lorenz, runners are Otero and Jaime Hood. The children move on to race at the Ramstein AB Commissary championships taking place Nov. 9.

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey



Barons stun Wildcats in pigskin playoffs

Bitburg’s defense tears down Naples touchdown charges, scoring Eifel super-six tourney

By Coach Rik Carr
Bitburg High School football

The trip to Naples, Italy, took 21 hours this past weekend, but was worth every mile. The Bitburg High School Barons pulled off the upset of the playoffs, stunning the previously unbeaten Naples Wildcats on their home turf 28-13.

Playing under sunny skies and 70-degree weather, the Barons showcased their best performance of the season. The Wildcats entered the semi-final playoff game as the Division II South Champions with a 6-0 record, having given up just six points all season and producing five shutouts.

In shocking fashion, the Barons defense scratched the Wildcats and one of Europe’s premiere running backs Jeremy Joseph, holding him to just 56 yards on 15 carries. More shocking; however, was the Baron offense that sparred toe-to-toe with the Wildcat’s vaunted defense throughout the first quarter. The period ended 0-0.

The Barons settled early in the second quarter and established a time-consuming, ball-control offense that produced a nine-play drive. Quarterback Trey Wilson capped the play, scoring from one yard out off the bootleg play. Omar Powell added the extra point and the Barons led 7-0 with about five minutes left in the half.

The Wildcats spent just two minutes answering Bitburg’s challenge, scoring on a 33-yard pass-and-run play from QB Alonso Tafur to Montez Jinks.

After a short kickoff return, the Barons offense took control and ran out the remaining time aided by two clutch third-down

pass plays from Wilson to receivers Alex Walks and Joel Brown. The first half closed at 7-7.

The second half belonged to the Barons as their ball-control, ground-game took hold and produced 38 offensive plays. Meanwhile the Barons defense held Naples to just 13 plays in the entire half. A long Baron drive to begin the half ended in a fumble at the Wildcats 10-yard line. The defense was up to the challenge; however, and forced a Wildcats punt. This gave the Barons a good field position as the third quarter closed with the score still knotted at 7 points apiece.

After a 17-yard punt return by senior wingback Tom Mueller, the Barons took just five plays to take the lead. A 30-yard drive was capped by a 14-yard carry up the middle by senior offensive guard-turned fullback Chris Eubanks. Eubanks, Europe’s reigning discus champion, broke six tackles on his way to the end zone. With just less than 10 minutes to play, the Barons led 14-7.

After an exchange of punts, Bitburg again controlled the clock and drove the ball 80 yards for another touchdown. Leading the charge was Pascal Grundmann, who ground out 118 tough yards on the day, scoring on a nine-yard off-tackle play. Powell added his third extra point of the day and the Barons held a commanding 21-7 lead.

Naples answered quickly using just three plays and 28 seconds to cover 60 yards, the final 58 thanks to a pass from quarterbacks Tafur to Jinks. The Wildcats missed the extra point and the Barons led 21-13 with four minutes left to play.

The anticipated on-side kick by the Wildcats failed as Brandon Morales covered the pooch kick at the 50-yard line. An eight-play drive ended for Bitburg as the team turned the ball over on downs at the Naples 29-yard line. Though the drive produced no points for the Barons, it left the Wildcats down eight points and 71 yards away from the end zone.

After two incomplete passes, senior defensive end Michael Hunter stepped in front of Tafur’s aerial and returned it 31 yards for the Baron’s last touchdown of the day. After recovering an on-side kick, the Barons ran out the clock and brought home the hard fought 28-13 victory.

Barons defense held the Wildcats to just 108 yards rushing and 122 yards passing. Eubanks led the Baron defense with nine tackles and for causing a Wildcat fumble. Senior Thomas Woodberry marked one touchdown saving tackle among his eight for the day and David Murray scored two saves and five tackles.

The victory secured the Barons a spot in first-ever “Super Six” championship tournament taking place Saturday. The event features three division championship games played back-to-back on Baumholder’s Minnick Field. The first game, Ansbach vs. Baumholder, kicks off at 11:30 a.m. Bitburg faces the undefeated SHAPE Spartans in the Div. II final at 3:15 p.m. The Div. I game between Ramstein and Wiesbaden starts at 7 p.m.

Tennis Barons close out season at championships

By Coach Pete Vadney
Bitburg High School tennis

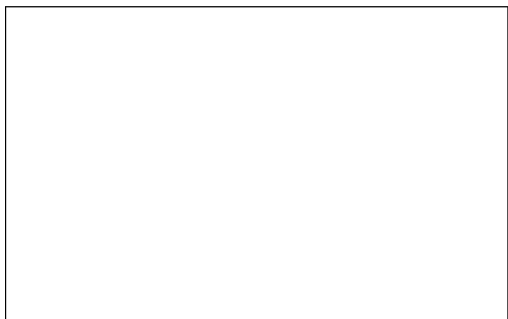
The three best players, males and females, from the high school tennis team participated in the Department of Defense Dependent Schools European championships last week-end. The team traveled to Wiesbaden one more time to take on the best DoDDs Divisions I, II and III could thrust at them.

Jordan Matthews and the doubles team of Erik Martz and John Pendergrass entered the tournament with undefeated records from previous matches on the season. Alas, they each lost a match, Matthews in the finals, and the doubles team in the semifinals. Matthews marched through three opponents on his way to the finals only to face Jun Koide of the International School of Brussels, a foe he defeated at Bitburg three weeks ago.

This time Koide jumped to an early lead, but faltered 5-4 when Matthews broke his serve to even the match 5-5. Matthews held his serve and had Koide down 40-15 before losing the game and having the match tied at

6-6. A tiebreaker was used and Koide jumped to an early lead for to a 7-4 winning score. In the second match, Koide broke Matthew’s serve in the first game and went on to win 6-4. Despite Matthew’s string of 17 straight matches without a loss his European championship hopes were broken.

The boys doubles team ran into an experienced senior team of the No. 1 and No. 2 players from Wurzburg. They quickly jumped on Bitburg, beating them 6-4 in a tough first set, then rolling them over 6-1 in the second set. Martz and Pendergrass regrouped to take



third place beating a polished Wiesbaden team 8-3. Here again, the boys’ only loss after 15 straight wins cost them the European championship.

The Baron tennis girls not only held their seeds at the tournament, but were also upset-makers as both Brittany Garcia and the girls’ doubles teams finished higher than their seeding. Garcia, playing singles and seeded fifth in the tournament, upset No. 4 seeded Ramstein’s Cecilia Robles in the quarterfinals 6-3, 6-2. In the semis, she ran into eventual tournament winner Jessica Blaesche who for the second week in a row ended her tournament rise beating her 6-0, 6-0. She then took on seed No. 3 Patty Ro from Heidelberg for third and fourth and performed her second upset of the tournament squeezing by 8-6.

The girls’ doubles team of sophomores Ashley Fray and Nora Fisher came into the tournament unseeded and were looking mainly for some experience. That quickly changed when they upset the No. 6 team from Iceland 7-5, 6-2. In the quarterfinals the ladies faced a

very experienced team from Heidelberg and were bounced 6-3, 6-2. This led them to the consolation semifinals and again they defeated a seeded team, No. 5 Lakenheath in a gritty 8-6 victory. The lady Barons then took on the team from Ramstein only to exit from the tournament in seventh place, losing 8-5.

Ashley Weston also played very well in the girls’ singles bracket. She defeated Lakenheath’s Kay Lichtenberger 6-4, 6-4, but lost in the next round to third-seeded Ro in a heart breaker 6-4, 6-6 with a tie breaker score of 7-4. Relegated to the consolations, Fray then beat a player from Bamberg winning 8-2. She then marched past Katie Ostterstedt from Baumholder 8-4, only to run into strong play from Shadi Kerbo of Aviano falling in the consolation championship 8-3. Weston’s sixth place finish has only been beaten by three previous Baron girls.

In addition to lofty tournament placements this year, Matthews, Garcia, Martz, and Pendergrass each earned All-Europe tennis status for their efforts on the courts.